REMARKS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants will now address stated issues and grounds for rejection of the pending claims under the appropriate subheadings.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 5 to 7 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of Claim 2. Claims 9 and 10 have been newly added.

No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

Rejection of Claims 5-7 Under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 5 to 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Perry *et al.* (US Patent No. 4,659,474) in view of GB 2027614 (GB '614). In particular, the Examiner stated that Perry *et al.* teach tablets coated with a with a polymer and that GB '614 teaches polydiallylamine in the free base form and salt form as a semipermeable film on a substrate. Therefore the Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use polydiallylamine as the coating in the composition of Perry *et al.* to achieve the beneficial effect of a semipermeable film.

The instant claims are directed to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of an effective amount of a polydiallylamine homopolymer, which is free of alkylated amine monomers and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. As set forth in the specification, the pharmaceutical composition can be used, for example, as a bile acid sequestrant for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and/or reduction of serum cholesterol.

The disclosure of a tablet in Perry *et al.* does not render obvious Applicants' pharmaceutical composition in tablet form, which has a distinct structure. A tablet is defined, in one instance, in The Compact Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition, (a copy of which is enclosed for your review, as Attachment I) as:

> A small, flat, and comparatively thin piece of stone, metal, wood, ivory or other material, artificially shaped for some purpose; a small slab.

Therefore, a tablet can be a non-pharmaceutical composition such as in Perry *et al.* where the tablet is a purfication and ultrafiltration membrane in tablet form. Perry *et al.* do not teach or

suggest Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of a pollydiallylamine homopolymer free of alkylated amine nomoners and crosslinked by means of a multifuntional crosslinking agent at about 2.5-20% by weight.

Further, in the communication from the Examiner dated April 9, 2004, the Examiner states that:

> In response to the applicant's argument that Perry *et al.* do not teach the polymer as an active agent, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art structure in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art.

However, Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition is structurally different from Perry *et al.* That is, Perry *et al.* teach basic polymer membrane supports (e.g., polyacrylonitrile) which can be modified by the deposition of a hydrophilic polymer (e.g., polyethyleneimine) on the membrane and then optionally crosslinked. The polymers are used in ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis processes for the concentration and purification of liquids.

Perry *et al.* mention polydiallylamine polymers at Col. 8, line 62 and tablets at Col. 12, line 25. However, the tablets described at Col 12, line 25 of Perry et al. are not tablets of polydiallylamine. Rather, the tablets described at Col. 12, line 25 of Perry *et al.* are tablets of the modified filtration membrane (e.g., an acrylonitrile polymer modified by deposition of a polyethyleneimine). Further, at Col 8, line 62, Perry *et al.* teach a long list of hydrophilic polymers, which can be used to modify the basic polymer membrane of the filtrations devices described. Clearly, these teaching in Perry *et al.* taken either separately or in combination neither teach nor suggest a pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of crosslinked polydiallylamine homopolymer which is free of alkylation and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

GB '614 does not cure the deficiencies of Perry *et al.* GB '614 discloses a semipermeable composite membrane comprising a microporous substrate and a thin semipermeable film of a polymeric material deposited on one side of the substrate. The thin film can be polydiallylamine. This disclosure of polydiallylamine as a coating for a porous composite membrane in combination with Perry *et al.* (polymeric membrane supports of, for example,

polyacylonitirile) does not make obvious Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition of crosslinked polydiallylamine homopolymer which is free of alkylation and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Applicants believe all pending claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) and are patentable over the teachings of Perry *et al.* either alone or in view of GB '614. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Claims 5 to 7 have been canceled.

Objection of Claim 8

The Examiner has stated that Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The objection is not understood as Claim 8 is dependent on Claim 2, which the Examiner has stated is allowed. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of Claim 2, as requested by the Examiner. Clarification is requested in the next Communication from the Office.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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rawer, for a little book. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France*) I. 65 The "table-drink of the poorest peasantry. H. BASHFORD *Lodgings for Twelve* 87 George Wiltshire gurls and a miraculous succession of dge strokes. 1977 F. OSMOND *Story of Candles* 30 s his beat from table-edge to door, From door to 1993 G. HARVEY *Four Lett. Wks.* (Grosart) I. 208.The fellow of Duke Humfrey, & Tantalus, might learne o curse Iupiter. 1863 HAWTHORNE *Our Old Home* 36, I was meditating in what way this grisly featured llow might ..be accosted. 1903 *Hibbert Jrnl.* Mar. nes's scruples about "table-fellowship between

SOUTH BANK EXHIB., *Festival of Britain* 147/2 Seagreen table lighter. 1954 'N. BLAKE' *Whisper in Gloom* i. vii. 99 Applying his cigar to a massive table-lighter. 1962 A. NISBETT *Technique Sound Studio* i. 30 There are four types of microphone mounting. These are: (i) The table stand, [etc.]. 1967 P. CHAMBERS *Bad die Young* i. 11 A grateful client had given me a heavy bronze table lighter. 1976 'W. TREVOR' *Children of Dynmouth* iii. 60 Only a table-lamp burned, its weak bulb not up to the task of fully illuminating the room. 1977 D. E. WESTLAKE *Nobody's Perfect* 10 He'd cased that TV repair shop—he'd even brought in a perfectly good Sony table model and let them charge him for six new tubes.

used in a hinged table-leaf; **table-lifting**, the lifting of a table by supposed spiritual agency (cf. TABLE-TURNING); **table-line**, in *Palmistry*, a line running from beneath the little finger to the base of the index-finger, forming the upper boundary of the 'table'; **table-linen**, linen for use at table, as table-cloths and table-napkins; **table-loader**, one who loads the hoist-table of a lift; **table-maid**, a domestic servant who lays the table and waits at meals; **table-maker**, a joiner having a flat top like that of a table; **table-tree**, an adjustable table-like rest mounted on a lathe; **table-turf** = *table-sod*; **table-vessel**, a vessel for use at table; †such vessels collectively (*obs.*); **table-water**, water (*esp.* a mineral water) suitable for drinking at table; **table-wheel**: see quot.; **table wine**, wine suitable for drinking with a meal, esp. plain wine which is not fortified or sparkling; a wine of this class; cf. TAFELWEIN, *vin de table* s.v. VIN 3; **table-work**

ontemp. Rev. Dec. 873 'Tableaued' year by year in lar Christmas Crib,..the Ass and the Ox, have nly less familiar than the Shepherds.

board.

board for backgammon or any similar = TABLE *sb.* 4 a, BOARD *sb.* 2 c. *Obs.*

ath. Angl. 376/1 A Tabylle burde, *tabella*. 1540 *Vives' Instr. Chr. Wom.* F ij, What a foule thing is a woman in steade of her woolbasket, to handle the d. 1623 WEBSTER *Devil's Law-Case* II. i, Shaking w at the table-board. 1905 [see TABLEMAN 1].

oard forming the top of a table; also a *bs.* or *dial.*).

tn H. Hall *Soc. Eliz. Age* vii. (1886) 99 rdes, formes, and a countinge table. 1668 DN *Wind.* Tracts (1727) 33 Walnut-tree..of which me table-boards and frames for chairs. 1732 W. NY *Perspective* p. iv, The Table Board fixed on the ga. 1847–78 HALLIWELL, *Table-board*, a table.

ırd; i.e. meals, without lodging. *U.S.*

. *York Herald* 27 Oct. 2/3 First class table Board. *al. Univ. Nebraska* 177 Table board ranges from $2.50 per week.

book.

ook composed of tablets for memoranda; et note-book or memorandum-book. *rare.*

ASHE *Saffron Walden* Wks. (Grosart) III. 67 ..busie with their Table-books..to gather 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* II. ii. 136. 1616 *Trav. Eng. Pilg. Misc.* (Malh.) III. 332 Writing my notes out of my k. 1667 PEPYS *Diary* 10 May, Found in the dead cket..a table-book, wherein were entered the several places where he was to go...1732–52 SWIFT *Cadenus* 22 Jan., He thanked me for telling him, and ely put his name in his table-book. 1816 SYDNEY *Sm* 276 He was observed to busy himself by writing le book. 1852 THACKERAY *Henry Esmond* II. v. 76 off Finisterre on the 31st of July, so Esmond's k informs him. 1937 BLUNDEN *Elegy* 11 Might I Now from his table-book communicate Precept ix that could do well In the nerve centres of a tate?

book of arithmetical or other tables; a Reckoner or the like.

. DARLEY *Sylvia* 28 He cannot count his fingers table-book.

ornamental book for a drawing-room

ıtle) George Cruikshank's Table-Book. 188. *Lit.* ent. Dict.), The Christmas table-book has well ppeared, and well-illustrated editions of famous becoming more and more popular.

† **table-book-wise** *adv. Obs.*, in the of a table-book (sense 1).

OWELL *For. Trav.* (Arb.) 27 Some do use to have a r booke fairely bound up table-book-wise.

cloth ('teɪb(ə)lklɒθ, -ɔ:-; for pl. see CLOTH cloth for covering a table.

oth, usually of white linen, spread upon in preparation for a meal, and upon he dishes, plates, etc. are placed.

ons. & Househ. Exp. (Roxb.) 409 My maistyr paid i tabylle cloth ijs. vj.d. 1496–7 *Rec. St. Mary at* m, ij dyaspre Tableclothis for the high Auter. 1575 Clark *Cambridge* (1886) III. 363 *If* either fellowe er do wipe his hande or finger of the table clothe y for every time 3*d*. 1586 B. YONGE *Guazzo's Civ.* 185 Y^r table cloathes wer spread. 1620 HOLLAND *Brit.* (1637) 481 Table clothes and linnen used at ne Coronation. 1855 MRS. GASKELL *North & S.* thes-basket[s]..full of tablecloths and napkins. *uch. Exam.* 9 Sept. 3/1 Equal to the task of g a laundress in the ironing of a tablecloth.

cloth, usually of woollen material and ornamental design, used to cover a table ently or when not in use for meals; = ver (TABLE *sb.* 22).

Eng. Wom. Dom. Mag. (1862) IV. 100 If the green ı be too little I will make a pair of warm stockings CROCKETT *Kit Kennedy* xiv. 158 The letter was on the tablecloth, with a fast-falling rain of tears on it.

Name for a cloud covering the flat top iging down over the edge of Table in at the Cape of Good Hope.

ncycl. Brit. (ed. 3) VIII. 162 The Table Land or is sometimes suddenly capped with a white cloud, called the 'spreading of the Table-cloth.'] 1838 *Sadras* (1843) 29 When the cloud that they call the ch comes down, people are often lost in the fog. *m. Gaz.* 13 Oct. 1/3, I had no time to spare for the Table Mountain, and the tablecloth of clouds bade me to attempt it.

'table-,clothing (-klɒθɪŋ, -ɔ:-), linen for ths; **'table-cloth-,wise** *adv.*, in the of a table-cloth; **'table-,clothy** (-klɒθɪ, resembling or suggesting a table-cloth. o. ELIOT *A. Bede* xxxi, I'm having linen spun, an ll the while it'll make sheeting and table-clothing en she's married. 1891 KIPLING *Life's Handicap.* *sage* 159 Clouds of tawny dust..flung themselves -wise among the tops of the parched trees, and again. 1866 HOWELLS *Venet. Life* iii. Where the carven in vast and heavy folds..to simulate a t has..a harshness decidedly table-clothy.

ut. *a.* (*sb.*) [f. TABLE *sb.*, used ally + CUT *ppl. a.* or *sb.*¹] Of a diamond or other precious stone: Cut in the form of a 'table': see TABLE *sb.* 18 and TABLE DIAMOND.

1688 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2320/4 Lost... a Diamond Ring, Table Cut. 1704 *Ibid.* No. 4046/4, 8 Rings, one a Diamond with 7 Stones, Table-cut. 1905 A. LANG in *Longm. Mag.* Apr. 566, I could not tell what stones the table-cut stones were.

b. *sb.* The style of cutting a precious stone as described above.

1891 in *Cent. Dict.*

So **'table-cutter**, a lapidary who cuts precious stones in 'tables'; **'table-cutting** = b.

1877 E. W. STREETER *Precious Stones* iv. 23 A little later [than 1373] the so-called 'table-cutters' at Nürnberg, and all other stone-engravers, formed themselves into a guild. 1877 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2478/1 Table-cutting is adopted with flat thin gems, which have not sufficient protuberance to be cut as rose diamonds or brilliants.

tabled ('teɪb(ə)ld), *a.* [f. TABLE *sb.* and *v.*]

1. a. Made in or into the form of a table or flat surface; shaped like a table; *spec.* = TABLE-CUT *a.*

1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxxv. 11 The tabernacle, and the roof of it, and the couerynge, rynges, and the tablid sides. 1575 LANEHAM *Lei.* (Ballad Soc.) 51 Diamons, Emeraudz, Rubyes, and Saphyres: poynted, tabid, rok, and roound. 1833 J. BREE *St. Herbert's Isle* 95 Mountains with tabled heads. 1853 M. ARNOLD *Empedocles on Etna* II. 177 Sitting on a tabled stone.

b. Seated at table. *rare*⁻¹.

1922 JOYCE *Ulysses* 167 He gazed round the stooled and tabled eaters.

2. ? Pictured, depicted. *rare.*

1848 BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 4) viii. 84 The mornlit revel and the shameless mate, The tabled hues of darkness and of blood.

3. Entered on a list; listed. *Sc.*

c 1630 SIR T. HOPE *Minor Practicks* (1726) 9 The Keeper ..was obliged to affix on the Tolbooth-wall the Roll of the tabled Causes.

4. Having a table or tables: in *comb.*, as *double-tabled* adj., having two 'tables', leaves, or tablets (cf. TABLE *sb.* 2 e).

1848 BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 4) xix. 216 The bright universe, The double tabled book of Heaven and earth.

‖ table d'hôte (tabl dot; anglicized ˌta:b(ə)l 'dəʊt). [Fr., = host's table.] A common table for guests at a hotel or eating-house; a public meal served there at a stated hour and at a fixed price; an ordinary. Also *attrib.* as *table d'hôte dinner*.

1617 MORYSON *Itin.* III. 60 Neither at this time was there any ordinarie Table (which they call *Table de l'hoste*, the Hosts table). *a* 1667 COWLEY *Ess. Verse & Prose, Liberty* Wks. (1684) 83 All this is but Tabl'd Host, 'tis crowded with people for whom he cares not. 1759 H. WALPOLE *Let. to H. S. Conway* 19 Sept., Mrs. Howe, who rides a fox-chase, and dines at the *table d'hôte* at Grantham. 1816 *Gentl. Mag.* LXXXVI. i. 198/2 At Dunkirk..I found a good table d'hote, a luxury which foreign travellers do not find in England. 1838 *Murray's Handbk. N. Germ.* 300/1 The table-d'hôte dinner..takes place at 2 o'clock.

'table ˌdiamond. [f. TABLE *sb.* 18 + DIAMOND.] A diamond cut with a table or large flat upper surface surrounded by small facets; esp. a thin diamond so cut having a flat under surface.

1470 *N.C. Wills* (Surt. 1908) 56 A ringe of gold with table dysmond. 1519 *Lett. & P. Hen. VIII*, III. No. 463 (P.R.O.) A blacke carkeyn with a syphre..garnyssched with three table diamantes, oon losenge diamaund, oon grete poynted diamsunt. 1607 in *Heriot's Mem.* App. VII. (1822) 212 A ringe, with a table diamond on the head. 1750 D. JEFFRIES *Diamonds & Pearls* 58 The manufacture of Table and Rose Diamonds. 1833 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 6 The forms into which the diamond is cut are the brilliant, the rose, and the table. 1877 W. JONES *Finger-ring* 379 A ring with seventy-five table-diamonds, set in gold.

tableful ('teɪb(ə)lful). [f. TABLE *sb.* + -FUL.] The amount or number that a table will hold or accommodate. a. As many (persons) as can be seated at a table; a company seated at a table and occupying all the seats around it.

1535 COVERDALE *Mark* vi. 30 He commaunded them all to syt down by table fulles vpon the grene grass. 1774 ABIGAIL ADAMS in *Fam. Lett.* (1876) 35 We make a table-full at meal times. 1858 O. W. HOLMES *Aut. Breakf.-t.* iii, One man who is a little too literal can spoil the talk of a whole tableful of *men of esprit*.

b. As many (things) as a table will hold or is holding, all that is on the table.

1868 H. A. VAUGHAN *Let.* 26 Dec. in *Lett. to Lady Herbert* (1942) 134 Mrs. Vaughan gave us tablefuls of excellent food. 1872 GEO. ELIOT *Middlemarch* II. iv. xxxvi. 228 Lydgate's tableful of apparatus and specimens. 1886 *Philadelphia Times* 9 Jan. (Cent.), Three large tablefuls of housekeeping things. 1977 *Zigzag* June 15/2 He was so pleased to see me that he threw a tableful of drinks over..like in the movies!

† **ta'bleity.** *Obs. nonce-wd.* [f. TABLE *sb.* + -ITY; rendering Erasmus's L. *mensetitās* for Gr. τραπεζότης (Diog. Laertes). Cf. CUPPEITY.] The abstract quality of a table.

1542 UDALL *Erasm. Apoph.* 123 b, Hauyng in his mouth.. the said forges vocables of the Idees, as for exaumple, tablietees, for the facion of table. *Ibid.* 124 b [see CUPPEITY]. 1656 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* VII. (1701) 287/1 Plato answered, it is true indeed, you have Eyes by which the *Table* and *Cup* are seen; but not an Intellect, by which *Tableity* and *Cuppeity* are seen. 1702 LOCKE *Defence* App. *Pers. Identity* (1700) 41 Personality therefore may be ranked among the whole scholastick terms of corporeity, equity, tableity, etc.

'table-land. [f. TABLE *sb.* + LAND *sb.*¹] An elevated region of land with a generally level surface, of large or considerable extent; a lofty plain; a plateau.

1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. xix. 531 The most remarkable Land at Sea is a high Mountain, steep to the Sea, with a flat even top, which is called the Table Land [at the Cape of Good Hope]. 1774 COOK *Voy. S. Pole* III. iv. (1777) II. 50 At sun-rise we discovered a high table land (an island) bearing E. by S. 1824 MISS MITFORD *Village* Ser. I. 70 (*Lucy*) The common..is one of a series of heathy hills, or rather a high table land, pierced in one part by a ravine or marshy ground. 1899 BARING-GOULD *Bk. of West* I. x. 155 The great irregular tableland of Dartmoor, over a thousand feet above the sea.

b. Without *a* or *pl.*: Elevated level ground.

1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* (1849) 248 These lofty plats of table-land seem to form a peculiar feature in the American continents. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 190 One long line of table-land..half mountain, half plain.

c. *fig.*

1820 HAZLITT *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 12 He [Shakspere] indeed overlooks and commands the admiration of posterity, but he does it from the table-land of the age in which he lived. 1876 GEO. ELIOT *Dan. Der.* III. xxii, A healthy Briton on the central table-land of life.

tableless ('teɪb(ə)llɪs), *a.* [-LESS.] Without a table; unfurnished with a table.

1887 H. KNOLYS *Sk. Life Japan* 183, I am..conducted into the enlarged partition in a doll's house, clean as a match-box, but tableless and chairless. 1895 *Strand Mag.* Oct. 451/1 The tableless, curtainless, carpetless, chestless apartment.

† **'tableman.** *Obs.* Pl. -men.

1. One of the 'men' or pieces used in any game played on a board, esp. backgammon.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 376/1 A Tabylle man, *scacus*... *calculus*. 1534 *Camden Misc.* (1855) 30 One paire of tables of peerle,..withoute table men. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 158 A Soft Body dampeth the Sound...And therefore..in Colleges they use to line the Tablemen. 1641 HINDE *J. Brues* xl. 123 He saw everywhere Cards and Dice, Tables and Table-men. 1725 SLOANE *Jamaica* II. 136 The wood [Guaiacum] is..good for bowls, tables, table-men, and cabinets. 1905 FISKE *Chess in Iceld.* 89 The list of chess boards and chess-men, table-boards and table-men in the king's possession.

2. Applied in contempt to a gamester.

1608 DEKKER *Lanthorne & Candlel.* Djb, Knowing that your most selected Gallants are the only Table-men that are plaid withal at Ordinaries. 1609 —— *Gvlls Horne-bk.* Introd. 2 All the painted table-men about you, take you to be heires apparant to rich Midasse.

† **'tablemeal.** *adv. Obs. rare*⁻¹. [f. TABLE *sb.* (sense 13 a) + -MEAL: rendering L. *tabulātim.*] By 'tables'; bed by bed.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 148 Thi vynes olde eke greffe hem table melc.

tablement ('teɪb(ə)lmənt). [f. TABLE *v.* + -MENT, after L. *tabulāment-um*, f. *tabulāre.*]

1. *Arch.* = TABLE *sb.* 12 a; also, a foundation or basement.

c 1300 *Cursor M.* 1678 A schippe be-houes þe to dight... Fiueten [ellen] on heght, þat es penteni. Fra ground vnto þe tabulment. 13.. *E.E. Allit. P.* A. 993 Vch tabelment watz a serlyppez ston. 1489 CAXTON *Faytes of A.* II. xxxv. 147 An edyfyce made of grete tymber and of tablementes with many loftes and stallages. 1601 HOLLAND *Pliny* (1634) II. 604 Stones larger than small tablements of pillars or countings-bourds. 1603 —— *Plutarch's Mor.* 706 We see cast downe upon the tablements on the South side of the temple. 1853 PARKER *Turner's Dom. Archit.* II. v. 218 So that a decent stone tablement be made on the wall.

† 2. A wooden frontal for an altar: = TABULA 2.

1446 *Yatton Churchw. Acc.* (Som. Rec. Soc.) 86 Payde to W. Stubbe rydyng to Brystowe to see the tabylment. 1500 in *Willth. Archæol., etc., Mag.* (1855) II. 310 Pd. for making of the tabullment of the High Altar. 1552 *Inv. Ch. Goods Berksh.* 24 A clothe to hange before the tablement.

† 3. A tabulation, list, catalogue. *Obs. rare.*

1551 RECORDE *Pathw. Knowl.* Ep. to King, And thus will I omit this great tablement of vnhappie hap.

† **'tabler**¹. *Obs.* Also 4 tablere, 5 tabelere. [In sense 1, a. OF. *tablier* (12–13th c. in Godef.) = L. *tabulārium*, in one of its mediæval senses, f. *tabula* table: cf. TABLE *sb.* 4.]

1. A backgammon board; hence, the game of backgammon or 'tables'. Also, a chess-board.

1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 1041 To pley at þe ches or at þe tablere. *c* 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 247 Wippynge a monþe he myst ȝe to pleie at þe tablier. 1426 LYDG. *Dr Guil. Pilgr.* 17272 Squar as ye a Tabler. 14.. *Metr. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 626/13 *Scaccarium* checure, *alea* tabelere, *decus* dyce. 1474 CAXTON *Chesse* IV. i. (1883) 161 Wherfore yᵗ ther were in the tabler as many poynts wyde as been full.

2. (? A table-cloth or a towel: med.L. *tablerium.*)

1392 *Earl Derby's Exp.* (Camden) 178 Graunsom bastard pro j tabler per ipsum empt' ibidem pro domino, xij scot. 1393 *Ibid.* 281 Pro iiij lb. cotoni et j matte..pro j tablerio.

tabler² ('teɪblə(r)). .[f. TABLE *sb.* and *v.* + -ER: in sense 1 = OF. *tableour*; in other senses = OF. *tablier.*]

† 1. A player at backgammon. Cf. TABLING *vbl. sb.* 2. *Obs.*

1562 BP. PARKHURST *Injunctions* 19 Dycers, tablers, carders, swearers or vehemently suspected thereof. 1573 GRINDAL *Injunctions* §23 Rem. (Parker Soc.) 150 Nor any of you shall be..a hunter, hawker, dicer, carder, tabler.

† 2. Rendering Gr. τραπεζίτης, a money-changer.

c 1550 CHEKE *Matt.* XXV. 27 You schold yeerfoor heav put out mi moni to yᵗ tablers.

3. a. One who gets his meals at another's table for payment; = BOARDER 1. *Obs.* or *rare.*

1598 FLORIO *Ital. Dict.*, *Comensale*, a fellow boorder, a fellowe commoner, a fellow tabler. 1642 HINDE *J. Brusen* iii. 30 He was sent..to be taught and trained up under one James Roe..where he continued a Scholler and Tabler for the space of three yeares. *a* 1714 M. HENRY *Life P. Tallents* Wks. 1853 I. 624 He left off house-keeping, and went to be a tabler. 1755 JOHNSON, *Boarder*, a tabler; one that eats with another at a settled rate.

† b. One who boards persons. *Obs.*

1665 BRATHWAIT *Comment Two Tales* 8 We are to suppose him to bee a Lodger or Tabler of Scholars and other Artists, for their Chamber and weekly Commons.

4. In senses 4–8 of TABLE *v.*; as in 'the tabler of the resolution', etc.

a 1910 in *N.E.D.* 1976 H. WILSON *Governance of Britain* vii, 141 If the tablers of each of these questions are called by Mr Speaker, no other question is called.

5. With initial capital. A member of the Round Table organization; a Round-Tabler.

1955 [see SOROPTIMIST *a.* and *sb.*]. 1973 *Scotsman* 21 Feb. 8/4 During lunch with some executives in Rotary and the Round Table..the prominent young Tabler, from Lower Yarrow, suggested [etc.]. 1977 *Abingdon Herald* 10 Mar. 2/5 Between them, the 1,215 Tablers are buying an off-shore lifeboat.

'table-ˌrapping, *sb.* (and *a.*) The production of raps or knocking sounds on a table without apparent physical means; by spiritualists ascribed to the agency of departed spirits, and used as a supposed means of communication with them. Also as *adj.*, and **'table-rapper**, one who practises table-rapping.

1856 *Spiritual Herald* Apr. 73 The matter has been explained to us thus... Table-turning and table-rapping are designed to call attention to the existence and presence of super-human powers. 1858 HAWTHORNE *Fr. & It. Note-Bks.* II. 141 He made his communication by means of table-rapping. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 64. 328 His aunt, who almost made a profession of table-rapping, who kept a journal of her spiritual experiences. 1893 *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 377/1. I could not ring a bell when there was none to ring, as spirits do in table-rappers' closets. 1936 M. FRANKLIN *All that Swagger* x. 89 Familiar association with bogus lords and parsons, soothsayers, table-rappers, medical quacks, [etc.]. 1973 T. PYNCHON *Gravity's Rainbow* I. 55 The young statistician is devoted to number and to method, not table-rapping or wishful thinking.

Table Round. = ROUND TABLE *sb.*

'table 'ruby. A ruby cut with a large flat upper surface surrounded by small facets: cf. TABLE *sb.* 18, TABLE DIAMOND.

1529 in *Wills Doct. Com.* (Camden) 18 One ring with a table rubye. 1560 F. BARNABY tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 285, I gave a fair table Rubie to my Sister. 1901 *Westm. Gaz.* 31 Dec. 1/1 The Coronation ring..will probably take the form of a plain gold ring set with a large table ruby on which is engraved a plain or St. George's Cross.

'table-spoon. A spoon (larger than a dessert-spoon) used for taking soup, and, in a larger size, for serving vegetables, puddings, etc. at table. Also *loosely*, = TABLESPOONFUL.

1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 275 The villain stole two large table-spoons. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* I. ii, Like a face in a table-spoon. 1960 E. DAVID *Fr. Prov. Cooking* 506 For 2 lb. of fruit add 9 tablespoons of vanilla sugar. 1981 *Sunday Tel.* 8 Mar. 11/2 Cucumber soup. 1 small onion; 1 clove garlic; 2 tablespoons sunflower oil; [etc.].

Hence **'table'spoonful**, as much as a table-spoon holds; also *fig.*

1772 HIGGINS in *Phil. Trans.* LXIII. 140 Half a table-spoonful of the..solution. 1856 KANE *Arct. Expl.* I. xvi. 108 Brandy..served out in tablespoonful doses. 1880 (see CONTINUED *ppl. a.* 3b). 1894 *Walsall Coffee* (Philad.) 240 Add half tablespoonful of powdered chicory to two tablespoonfuls of ground coffee.

'table-stone.

† 1. *Arch.* A flat stone, a stone tablet; also, a horizontal stone. *Obs.*

c 1467–9 *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 641 Pro...nova operacione et posicione tabilstonys [in the walls of a church]. 1554 *Aberdeen Regr.* (1844) I. 281 Findand sufficient hewyn stone to the hall of wark with the tabill stane of the gawilis and makand the said tolbuith vertirthicht.

2. *Archæol.* a. A flat stone supported by two or more upright stones; a cromlech or dolmen: also, the horizontal stone forming the top of this.

1840 T. A. TROLLOPE *Summ. Brittany* II. 88 These dolmens, or table-stones, consist..of one large flat mass, supported by several upright stones. 1880 JEFFERIES *Gt. Ferne F.* 150 He crawled right under the table-stone of the dolmen.

b. A small flat round stone supposed to have been used in a game resembling draughts.

1851 D. WILSON *Preh. Ann.* (1863) II. iv. vi. 335 Table-stones, or draughtsmen, are found alongside the weapons and other relics buried with the warrior.

tablet ('tæblɪt), *sb.* Forms: 4–6 **tablette**, 5 **tabulette**, **-elet(te**, (**taplet**), 5–6 **tablett**, **tabellet(t**, 6 **tabillette**, *Sc.* **teblet**, **tabullatte**, 6– **tablet**. [a. OF.

TABLET

tablete (13th c.), F. *tablette*, dim. of *table*, = Pr. *tauleta*, Sp. *tableta*, Pg. *taboleta*, It. *tavoletta*, med.L. *tabuleta* (1376 in Du Cange): see TABLE *sb.* and -ET[1], -ETTE.]

1. A small, flat, and comparatively thin piece of stone, metal, wood, ivory, or other hard material, artificially shaped for some purpose; a small slab.

a. A small slab of stone or metal bearing or intended to bear an inscription or carving, *esp.* one affixed to a wall as a memorial; also applied to a flat surface cut in a rock for the same purpose.

c 1315 SHOREHAM iii. 67 Opc two tablettes of ston..He hyt [= them] wrot, Moyses by-tok. 1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 254 A taplet of marbyl [he] held in hys honde. 1649 G. DANIEL *Trinarch., Hen. V* cclxi, His single Honour needs noe Fret of Names..To glimer ore the Tablet. 1700 PRIOR *Carmen Sæculare* 167 When..The pillar'd marble, and the tablet brass, Mouldering, drop the victor's praise. 1853 LAYARD *Pop. Arc. Discov. Nineveh* Introd. 13 The most important trilingual inscriptions hitherto discovered are those..in the rock tablet of Behistun. *Ibid.* vii, 163 Four tablets have been cut in the rock. 1870 F. R. WILSON *Ch. Lindisf.* 30 The mural tablets are also numerous.

b. A slab or panel, usually of wood, for a picture or inscription. *votive tablet*: an inscribed panel anciently hung in a temple in fulfilment of a vow, e.g. after deliverance from shipwreck or dangerous illness. Chiefly *arch.* or *Hist.*

1581 PETTIE *Guazzo's Civ. Conv.* I. (1586) 30 b, Others, with Tablets and pictures use to represent men and women in some infamous and dishonest act. *a* 1700 DRYDEN (J.), Through all Greece the young gentlemen learned..to design upon tablets of boxen wood. 1782 V. KNOX *Ess.* lxiii. 274 Apelles used to say, that Protogenes knew not when to take his hand from the tablet which he was painting. 1852 D. WILSON *Preh. Ann.* (1863) II. III. ii. 40 A votive tablet in honour of the Legate. 1869 LECKY *Europ. Mor.* I. iii. 382 The votive tablets of those who escaped are suspended in the temple, while those who were shipwrecked are forgotten.

c. A small smooth inflexible or stiff sheet or leaf for writing upon; usually, one of a pair or set hinged or otherwise fastened together; anciently, of wood, or other material, covered with wax, written upon with a style, and used for correspondence, legal documents, etc.; in later times, of ivory, cardboard, or the like, carried in the pocket and used for memoranda; hence sometimes, in pl. *tablets*, applied vaguely to a note-book. Formerly called *tables* (TABLE *sb.* 2 b).

1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* v. iv. 109 This Tablet lay vpon his Brest, wherein Our pleasure, his full Fortune, doth confine. 1780 MME. D'ARBLAY *Diary* 20 Apr., Had I not kept memorandums in my tablets, I could not possibly give any account of our proceedings. 1836 MARRYAT *Japhet* xl, I took out my tablets, and wrote down the address. 1860 RAWLINSON *Herodotus* VII. §239 IV. 196 Demaratus..took a pair of tablets, and clearing the wax away from them, wrote what the king was purposing to do upon the wood. 1883 *Chamb. Jrnl.* 28 Apr. 266/2 There were unearthed nearly forty thousand inscribed tablets of unbaked clay. 1885 BIBLE (R.V.) *Isa.* viii. 1 Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it with the pen of a man.

d. In general or various applications, as a slab or tile, used in roofing or flooring, a flat piece in some mechanism, etc.; in quot. 1782 applied to playing-cards. Also, a plaque of pottery; *spec.* one forming the central part of a chimney-piece. Cf. BLOCK *sb.* 12 c.

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* VI. 193 Now brode and thynne Tilette or tabulette of marbul stoon. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 305 A Bed made..on the Tablets upon the Tops of their Houses. 1768 J. WEDGWOOD *Let.* 6 Nov. (1965) 68, I have lately had a Vision by night of some new Vases, Tablets &c with which Articles we shall certainly serve the *whole World!* 1782 COWPER *Progr. Err.* 170 The painted tablets, dealt and dealt again. 1842 I. WILLIAMS *Baptistery* I. (1874) 1 Quaint tablets rang'd some antique hearth around, Blue Holland porcelain, all rudely wrought. 1875 [see BLOCK *sb.* 12 c]. 1970 G. SAVAGE *Dict. Antiques* 462/2 The year 1773 saw the first catalogue of ornamental wares, which included..tablets for chimney-pieces and furniture-mounts.

e. *U.S.* = PAD *sb.*[2] 4. Cf. WRITING TABLET.

1880 *Geyer's Stationer* 13 Aug. (Advt.), The M. & H. Blotter Tablet... Beware of tablets sold by J. C. Blair, as he is manufacturing without a legal right. 1897 *Sears, Roebuck Catal.* 349/2 Everything from a 400 page tablet of fair paper for 4 cents, to one of fine cream laid paper, 1934 *Chain Store Age* (Gen. Merchandise ed.) Jan. 57/2 The customer does not notice that there are three sheets less in a tablet. 1977 *Chicago Tribune* 2 Oct. XII. 30/1 Cadillac boasts in its 1978 Seville that it has made 'provision for a phone installation, writing pad, and pen'. But it's only a provision—you have to supply the phone, pen, and tablet.

f. A small metal disc similar in function to a 'staff' (STAFF *sb.*[1] 9 f), and used for working single-track railways.

1897 W. E. LANGDON *Applic. Electr. to Railway Working* VI. 130 When the instruments are in their normal condition, all tablets being in, the very first ring from the station of whom the permission to withdraw a tablet is made..would ..be equally serviceable for the purpose. 1950 O. S. NOCK *Brit. Locomotives from Footplate* 183 This train was booked non-stop between Arrochar and Crianlarich, but the slack for tablet exchange made it necessary to pass very slowly through Ardline. 1969 *Railway Mag.* Feb. 88 (*caption*) The single-line tablet for the section to Kingussie is being given by the signalman to the driver.

g. A rigid card used in tablet-weaving (see sense 8 below).

1921 M. & H. PEACH tr. *Pralle's Tablet Weaving* 6 The earliest examples found of the little tablets for the weaving were of thin polished wood. 1964 H. HODGES *Artifacts* x. 137 The tablets were generally oval or rectangular with a hole, or a pair of holes, at each end. 1970 J. P. WILD *Textile Manuf. in N. Roman Provinces* vii. 73 Each tablet governs the four (or three) warp-threads which are threaded through its holes...; and the pack of tablets is held in the hand like a pack of cards.

†2. An ornament of precious metal or jewellery of a flat form, worn about the person. *Obs.* [Cf. med.L. *tabulo* and *tabuletus* in Du Cange.]

c 1400 MAUNDEV. (1839) 234 Euerych of hem bereth a tablett of Iaspere or of Iuory or of cristall. 1504 *Will Goodyear* (Somerset Ho.), My tablet of golde that I was wonte to were aboue my nek. 1542 *Acc. Lord H. Treas. Scotl.* VIII. 58 Chenyeis, tabullattis, tergattis, braceilattis, ringis. 1546 *Inv. Ch. Goods* (Surtees) 86 A great tablett of golde hevyng in yt the ymage of Our Lady. 1583 GOLDING *Calvin on Deut.* CXXVI. 774 These great lords & braue lads which wil needs weare tablets at their neckes yᵗ is to say sumptuous iewels for folke to gase at a great way off. 1613 BIBLE *Exod.* XXXV. 22 And they came both men and women, ..and brought bracelets, and earerings, and rings, & tablets, all iewels of gold. *c* 1620 Z. BOYD *Zion's Flowers* (1855) 31 The tablets and the rings made for the eare.

3. a. A small flat or compressed piece of some solid confection, drug, or the like; a lozenge of flattened (originally rectangular) form; a flat cake of soap.

1582 HESTER *Secr. Phisonv.* I. xxix. 34 Giuing them euery mornyng one dragme of good Sope in tabletes accordyng to our inuention. 1626 BACON *Sylva* §970 It is yet in use, to wear little bladders of quicksilver, or tablets of arsenic, as preservatives against the plague. 1658 CULPEPPER *Riverius* I. ii. 15 You may often use..these Tablets or Lozenges following. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I, *Tablets*, or solid Electuaries, are much the same with Lozenges. 1890 *Lancet* 1 Nov. 30 (Advt., B. W. & Co.) The Bicarbonate of Potash and Bicarbonate of Soda 'Tablets' or 'Tabloids' prove efficacious in dyspepsia. 1898 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* V. 906 [Trinitrine may be administered] in the form of tablets. 1902 *Times* 30 Mar. 12/3 At this date the plaintiffs had used the word 'tablet' to denote compressed drugs, but Mr. Wellcome set about finding a new word, and invented the word 'tabloid'. *Mod.* A tablet of chocolate; a tablet of soap.

b. Hence, orig. and chiefly *Sc.* (also taiblet), a type of fudge (formerly hardbake or almond toffee) made in tablets; a piece of this.

1736 MRS. MCLINTOCK *Receipts for Cookery* 35 (*heading*) To make Orange Tablets with the Grate. 1850 MRS. DALGAIRNS *Practice of Cookery* 347 Ginger tablet may be made in this way. 1897 *Private Life of Queen* xvii. 140 Among the favourites of the Queen..are..tablets, *petits fours*,..pralines, almond sweets. *c* 1900 *Wee Macgregor* i. 2, I want taiblet. *Ibid.* 5. 1922 'R. WEST' *Judge* I. ii. 56 Here's some taiblet for you, lassie. 1948 *Good Housek. Cookery Bk.* 643 *Ginger Tablet*, use the same ingredients as for Hazel Tablet, but omit the nuts and vanilla essence and add ½ oz. of ground ginger. 1973 *Times* 13 Dec. 12/2 Tablet, for those who don't know, is a delicious, crumbly fudge that melts in your mouth—it's a Scottish speciality.

c. A piece of compacted powder of standard size, shape, and composition, ready for subsequent moulding.

1935 [see PREFORM *sb.* 1]. 1936 H. W. ROWELL *Technol. of Plastics* xx. 148 A 'tablet' is of the correct weight and density required and is made of suitable diameter and thickness to fit the mould. It is made in a stock size of die and is not preformed to the approximate shape of the moulding. 1947 R. L. WAKEMAN *Chem. Commercial Plastics* v. 76 Tablets and preforms fit freely inside the mold ultimately employed. 1974 *Glass. Packaging Terms* (*B.S.I.*) III. 9 *Tablet*, a compressed mass of moulding material of prescribed form and mass.

†4. Short for *tablet diamond*: see sense 8. *Obs.*

1519 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII.* III. No. 463 (P.R.O.) Having an owche at the end wherin is sett a fair table balas with iiij fair diamsauntes wherof ij great poynted dyamsaundes, oon tablet and oon losenge. *Ibid.*, iiij diamsauntes wherof ij poynted and ij tablettes.

5. *Glass-making.* = TABLE *sb.* 15 b. ? *Obs.*

1688 [see TABLE *sb.* 15 b].

6. *Arch.* = TABLE *sb.* 12 a, b.

1788 [see GOBELIN *sb.*]. 1823 P. NICHOLSON *Pract. Build.* 444 A Tablet is a projection, fixed in a wall, with one face parallel to the surface. 1875 LEWIS & STREET in *Encycl. Brit.* II. 300/1 The crowning tablet or fillet [of an Egyptian pylon or portico] is quite plain and unornamented.

7. *Anat.* = TABLE *sb.* 16.

1891 in *Cent. Dict.*

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: **tablet-book**, a set of tablets for writing on; **tablet check**, in *Telegraphy*: see quot.; †**tablet diamond** = TABLE DIAMOND; †**tablet jewel**, ? = sense 2; **tablet-letter**, an ancient letter written on a tablet; **tablet paper** *U.S.*, notepaper taken from a writing-pad; **tablet tea**, tea made up in tablets (sense 3); **tablet-weaving**, an early method of weaving, in which warp-threads are passed through holes in a number of parallel tablets, which are then rotated to form sheds; **tablet-writing**, writing on tablets.

1896 BOSCAWEN *Bible & Mon.* V. 110 The series of tablets when complete consisted of twelve "tablet-books. 1876 PREECE & SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* 293 Every circuit..is supplied with a form called a "*Tablet check*, upon which each message as it goes off is ticked. 1530 *Lett. & Pap. Hen. VIII*, IV. No. 6789 (P.R.O.) Rynges..oon with a "tablet dyamount. [Cf. sense 4 above.] 1598 YONG *Diana* 91 Two iewels curiously enchased with tablet Diamonds. 1599 MINSHEU *Sp. Dict., Dial.* 15 Chaines of lest, Amber, or such like, "tablet iewels, girdles (etc.). 1899 T. NICOL *Archæol. & Bible* v. 180 Seven of the "tablet-letters are from the Governor of Jerusalem. 1964 MRS. L. B. JOHNSON *White House Diary* 25 Feb. (1970) 73 The file..marked 'particularly appealing'. Those were the letters that were taken to Mrs. Kennedy to read. They came written in poetry, they came in barely legible pencil on "tablet paper. 1892 *Daily News* 5 June 5/6 "Tablet tea' and 'brick tea', so familiar in Russia,..are apt to be confounded by outsiders. The former..is made of the finest tea-dust procurable... It is manufactured by steam machinery, with the aid of steel moulds, under great pressure. 1921 M. & H. PEACH tr. *Pralle's Tablet Weaving* 6 "Tablet weaving..is considered the origin of all weaving. *Ibid.*, In the Museum at Copenhagen..is a belt which must have been woven by this tablet-weaving method. 1950 *Proc. Prehist. Soc.* XVI. 130 The archaeological material..is then reviewed, with a special note on the curious technique of tablet-weaving. 1979 B. CUNLIFFE *Celtic World* 60/2 Finer weaving to make braid and a form of tablet weaving are also attested. 1905 J. ORR *Probl. O.T.* Notes 525 Cuneiform "tablet-writing probably in some measure continued after the settlement in Canaan.

tablet ('tæblɪt), *v.* [f. prec. *sb.*]

1. a. *trans.* To furnish with a tablet (esp. one bearing an inscription); to affix a tablet to.

1864 *Reader* 11 June 750 A large series of Irish and British fossils, about 17,000 specimens..named and tableted. 1883 G. H. BOUGHTON in *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 698/2 About the square were numbers of old houses, with elaborately adorned gables, crow-stepped..and tableted. 1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 28 June 2/2 [The] chapel tableted with the names of those who have died in their country's service.

b. To inscribe on a tablet.

1878 *Masque of Poets* I 52 And tableted above Him Still we read 'Love taught the smith to paint'.

2. *trans.* To make into a tablet; ? *intr.* to make tablets.

1889 *Sci. Amer.* 7 Dec. 363/1 A formula for the preparation of liquid glue for tableting purposes, which can be applied cold and which will retain its elasticity. 1936 H. W. ROWELL *Technol. of Plastics* xx. 148 Tableting or preforming or pelleting a powder is generally done on automatic machines. 1963 *Times* 4 May 11/5 In an article in a medical journal some time ago describing the clinical trial of a drug, reference was made to the manufacturer who 'tableted and distributed' the drug. 1973 R. PARKES *Guardians* II. 50 This heroin is comparable in quality to that being sniffed by U.S. troops in Vietnam and far superior to that being tableted for U.K. distribution.

Hence **tableted** *ppl. a.*, **tableting** *vbl. sb.* and *ppl. a.*

1889 [see sense 2]. 1936 H. W. ROWELL *Technol. Plastics* xx. 148 Tableting machines measure the charge in this way. 1937 *Mod. Packaging* Oct. 110/1 Small powdered, tableted and similar products. 1947 R. L. WAKEMAN *Chem. Commercial Plastics* v. 76 In compression operations, recourse is often had to tableting and preforming in order to speed up molding. 1972 *Materials & Technol.* V. xxi. 763 The tableting process consists of feeding free-flowing granules into a..die, and compressing the material. 1983 *Glaxo Group News* Sept. 4/3 The accuracy and efficiency of single punch tableting machines have been monitored by strain gauges.

table-talk ('teɪb(ə)l,tɔːk). Talk at table; familiar conversation at meals.

In a general sense including ordinary conversation or gossip at the dinner-table; but now usually applied to the social conversation of famous men or of intellectual circles, esp. as reproduced in literary form; cf. the *Colloquia Mensalia* of Luther, first publ. 1569. Engl. transl. 1652, 1846.

a 1569 KINGESMYLL *Godly Advise* (1580) 11 Suche verelie is the Table-talk emongst the Gentiles the gentlemen. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* III. v. 93 *Jes.* Nay, let me praise you while I haue a stomacke? *Lor.* No pray thee, let it serue for table talke. 1608 BP. HALL *Char. Virtues & V., Busiebodie* Wks. (1627) 188 Himselfe begins table-talke of his neighbour at anothers boord; to whom he bears the first newes, and adiures him to conceale the reporter. 1822 SIR G. JACKSON *Diaries & Lett.* (1873) I. 192 This little episode..started some table talk.

1689 (*title*) Table-Talk: being the Discourses of John Selden Esq.; or his Sence of Various Matters of Weight and High Consequence. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* Introd. (1831) I. 55 The small portion which we have of the table-talk and other anecdotes of our celebrated writers. 1858–9 HALLAM *Hist. Lit.* IV. IV. vii. §31. 314 One group has acquired the distinctive name of Ana; the reported conversation, the table-talk of the learned. 1846 (*title*) The Table Talk of Martin Luther, translated and edited by W. Hazlitt.

b. *transf.* A subject for table-talk; a theme for general conversation.

1579–80 NORTH *Plutarch* 775 Antonius commanded him at the Table to tell him what wind brought him thither, he answered, That it was no Table-talk, and that he would tell him to morrow morning fasting. 1781 COWPER *Table Talk* 151 To be the Table Talk of clubs up stairs.

c. *attrib.*

1581 SIDNEY *Apol. Poetrie* (Arb.) 29 Not speaking (table talke fashion..) words as they chancesably fall from the mouth. 1614 JACKSON *Creed* III. xviii. §2 Acquainted with none but table-talke Diuinity.

So **'table-talker**, one who talks or converses at table; esp. a person of high conversational powers.

1846 WORCESTER, *Table-talker*, one who converses at table. *Month. Rev.* 1880 *Q. Rev.* Jan. 101 He was the best of table-talkers.

tabletary ('tæblɪtərɪ), *a. rare.* [f. TA -ARY[1]; cf. *planetary*.] Of, pertaini contained in a tablet or tablets.

1880 *Libr. Univ. Knowl.* (N.Y.) II. 185 *Banking*, No. 2 dated at Babylon..597 B.C., b evidence, attested by three witnesses, of the lo

'table-top, *a.* Also table top, tabletop *top* sb. (see TABLE *sb.* 22).] 1. Of, pe or designating photography of subj can be contained within the area of a *spec.* applied to photography of models which gives the illusion c subject.

1974 S. C. JOHNSON *Saturday with my Car* We can all enter the lists of table-top photo spend our winter evenings counterfeiting, as of the most attractive sights of the world. 192 Apr. 58 (*heading*) Home-made landscapes—a table-top photography. 1935 *News Chron. A* xiv. 176 Flashlight has special application photography, now becoming so popular, as th is under complete control, and all the work c the evening. 1956 *Focal Encycl. Photogr.* 115 three different branches of photography phnographer who chooses to work within t table top studio: still life studies, photography models and creative composition. The last is top photography'. *Ibid.* 1532/2 Most table-to either because they include too many items o try to represent the subject accurately and in of simply suggesting it in a broad effect.

2. That is or can be placed, or that on a table.

1945 F. BROWN in *Astounding Sci. Fict* There was a boom market in portable receivers. 1962 *Guardian* 9 July 5/3 He m models of the machines. 1973 *Physics Bull.* 5 total number of installed computers, inclu computers, is expected to be 60 000 in 1975 1980. 1979 *Guardian* 31 Oct. 1/8 Faggin retrieving the little red ball when it goes unde games of table-top cricket.

tablette (tæ'blet, 'tæblɪt). [a. mod see TABLET.]

1. = TABLET *sb.* 1 c.

1728 H. HERBERT tr. *Fleury's Eccl. Hist.* I out with the tablette in his hand and reac COLLINS *Wom. White* cp. i. narr. W. H. vii entries in my tablettes this morning. Find

2. = TABLET *sb.* 3.

1725 *Bradley's Fam. Dict., Tablette*, or Lo in Pharmacy... a solid Electuary..cut int small, round or square Boards. 1890 *Harp* 230/2 Some *tablettes* of grated cocos candied

3. *Arch.* = TABLET *sb.* 6, TABLE *sb. Fortif.* (see quot. 1853).

1723 CHAMBERS tr. *La Clerc's Treat.* Balusters with their Rail, serving as a Tablett Elbows. 1853 STOCQUELER *Milit. Encycl.*, coping-stone, generally two feet wide and cig placed at the top of the revêtement of the purpose of protecting the masonry from th weather, and also to serve as an obstacle t when applying the scaling-ladders.

tablieure, obs. or erron. form of

'table-turning. The action of moving a table without the use of an adequate means, as by a number placing their hands or fingers up movements being ascribed by some agency (cf. TABLE-RAPPING). So 'ta one who practises table-turning.

1853 *Ann. Reg.* 67 When the apparatus w it proved to possess a corrective power over table-turner. 1855 SHELDLEY, etc. *Occult S* explains table-turning by involuntary muscu JEAFFRESON *Bk. about Doctors* II. 38 Th electro-biologists, spirit-rappers, and table HOOK *Lives Abps.* I. vii. 421 The superstit ranking with our mesmerism and table-tur

tableware ('teɪb(ə)lwɛə(r)). W service of the table; a collective articles which are used at meal plates, knives, forks, etc.

1772 J. WEDGWOOD *Let.* 10 Sept. (1965) might by that means sell now and then Tablewares. 1832 G. R. PORTER *Porcelain* principal inventions of Mr. Wedgwood we ware. 1897 *Outing* (U.S.) XXX. 376/2 Each party should provide his own tableware... spoon of tin, knife and fork. 1905 *Times* mayor..presented him on behalf of t magnificent service of tableware.

tablewise ('teɪb(ə)lwaɪz), *adv.* [f. -WISE.] In the manner or form various senses. †a. ? In a rectar *Obs.*

c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* 10 The of cumly stoonewerke tabylwyse.

b. In tabular form; tabularly: cf.

1822 SPEED *Hist. Gt. Brit.* v. v. 27 It sha in this place once for all, tablewise to ly 1832 G. CHALMERS *Dom. Econ. Gt. Brit.* 68 State, tablewise, of our domestic, and for BENTHAM *Chrestom.* Wks. 1843 VIII. 7/2 T text being thus treated Table-wise.

1792 [see TABOOED]. 1822 SOUTHEY *Lett.* (1856) III. 305 He has tabooed ham, vinegar, red-herrings, and all fruits. 1850 KINGSLEY *Alton Locke* XXX. The political questions which I longed to solve..were tabooed by the well-meaning

1562 LANGL. *P. Pl. A.* II. 79 Taberes & tombiers & tapesters fele. 1589 BURNEY *Hist. Mus.* III. iii. 254 As a new married couple went out of the church the violins and tabors attended them.

...or drum of the ear *Obs*

properly clade-in sute. 1512 *Helyas* in Thoms *Prose Rom.* (1858) III. 31 Pipes, taborins, doucimers. 1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cr.* IV. v. 275 Beste lowd the Taborins, let the Trumpets blow. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* VII. xliii, "Tis the fife and tabourin, said I. 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* lxiii. 8 With a snowy

tabourin French queen. 1899 MORROW *Bohem. P* bought a new easel and two rush-bottome

b. *U.S.* A small table, esp. one u for house-plants; a bedside table.

1916 *Sears, Roebuck & Co. Catal.* Fell